

## Making Civilian Sailors.

By Frederic J. Haskin.

The Navy Department has just given examinations to 250 men of the naval militia, who were applicants for commissions in the fleet in case of war. This was the last of a series of events which have federalized the naval militia and put it in a position where it will automatically become a part of the navy if an emergency should arise. Thus the Navy Department has obtained the nationalization of the organization, which is to it what the National Guard is to the army. The War Department has not yet been able to get the legislation it wants to produce the same result with the National Guard. If it had it would worry less about its ability to raise an effective army on short notice, and would not be resorting to so many expedients to interest citizens in military training.

It was in February, 1914, that Congress passed the law which placed the naval militia under federal direction and gave the Navy Department the authority to directly co-ordinate it with the fighting fleet. Nearly two years have elapsed. The needed authority came in advance of a troubling year and every effort has been put forth to get results. There are now 100,000 men in the naval militia, all with a certain degree of training and proficiency, who might be called upon tomorrow to fill that number of places in the fleet if they were needed for fighting. They would not be asked to volunteer; they would be ordered into the service and would be court-martialed if they did not report.

Eight thousand men mean vastly more to the navy than to the army. A navy of 100,000 men would meaner matching the forces of a warlike enemy than an army of a million. So the navy feels itself somewhat bolstered up and is not getting into camps and experiments cavalry troops. It is depending entirely upon its militia.

Until the militia act of 1914 was passed the Navy Department was on a Navy Once on Basis satisfactory as Like Army Now Is. The navy now finds itself, the naval militia was a state organization over which the federal government had no authority. It had no power to standardize in different states nor to enforce its rules of efficiency and training.

Massachusetts organized the first state militia in 1890. A year later New York created a similar organization, and was quickly followed by California. One state after another has aligned itself until today there are naval militias in twenty-two states, while new organizations are being formed in Texas and Hawaii.

By the time of the Spanish-American war the naval militia of the various states had grown to a strength of about 4,000. When volunteers were called for from among the organizations there were more than 4,000 men who responded, this being possible on account of the return of many men who had left the service. There were 856 volunteer naval officers in the Spanish-American war who had been trained in the naval militia. These officers and men performed very important service. Many of them went directly to the fighting ships of the fleet. Many others served in the coast guard and Signal Corps. Numbers of yachts and other vessels were converted into war craft and cruised up and down the coasts. These vessels were manned by naval militia, with a single officer from the regular service. There were ten monitors in this auxiliary naval force, besides ten yachts, five tugs and forty-one other vessels. Their patrol of the coasts and mine fields was an effective protection.

This showing in the Spanish-American war placed the naval militia on its feet. The following year the federal government was loaning naval officers for their drilling, and asking appropriations from which to provide them with uniforms, guns and ammunition.

The proposal to put the naval militia under the federal government has been steadily advocated since the Spanish-American war. While Congress was brought gradually to feel more and more kindly toward the proposal, it was induced to appropriate sums as large as \$125,000 a year toward the support of this branch of the militia. It was not until 1914 that the Navy Department's idea of placing it under federal authority was made a law.

As soon as the law passed a division of the Navy Department was created and the work began of transforming the naval militia from a series of unassociated state organizations to one body directed from Washington. The examination of officers of the old organizations is the final step. The requirements of the Navy Department are different, and general, than those of the states. As these men would automatically receive commissions in the navy in time of war, the matter of their fitness is carefully looked after.

This year the Navy Department has a total of \$450,000 that it is authorized to spend on the naval militia. This is considerably augmented by state funds, which are still appropriated for the aid of these establishments.

Federal money is used, in the first place, for the purchase of uniforms. Each man is given a uniform. A regular army rifle and 100 rounds of ammunition. Officers are given revolvers and ammunition for practice. Then every naval reserve armory must have its loading machine. These loading machines are dummies which represent the big guns aboard ship. These big guns are crews of different sizes, ranging from three to twenty. Their loading is a matter of team work, and requires a deal of drilling before the crews become proficient.

But the final event of the year, for which the federal government now pays, is the annual cruise. Every organization in every state has a few officers and privates are on this cruise they receive the same compensation that is paid to men of similar rank in the regular army. If their service requires any travel, they likewise receive transportation such as naval officers and men are given.

Many naval militia organizations have vessels that are regularly assigned to them, and which are at their disposal throughout the year. They drill upon these ships, take week-end trips, and the annual cruise. The ship is maintained by the Navy Department and kept in good condition for their use. Other organizations may be loaned a ship for the time of the cruise only. In still other cases it may be necessary to take militia aboard any chance warship that may be available and thus give the men a taste of actual sailing.

The department's time may come when special ships will be built for use in this branch of the service.

The North Atlantic states take the lead in their development, but the great lake states are also very active. Last year both trophies offered by the Navy Department were captured by the lake states. Chicago won the first efficiency prize, which was a working model of a big gun, and Cleveland finished second. Wisconsin intends to expand her organization and train a larger number of men.

The naval militia is a direct feeder to the regular navy. Many of its men enlist later, and advance toward usefulness much more rapidly than if they had had no preliminary training. The naval militia takes a great deal of interest in the Boy Scouts, going so far as to take these organizations on its cruises. Thus the youngsters are given a start in acquiring military information that may later be used in the defense of the nation.

A still more interesting phase of the naval militia work is the development of the aero corps. The Aero Club of America has arranged to co-operate, directly with different states and furnish volunteer aviators, mechanics and machines. New York already has its corps established. The District of Columbia has commissioned an aviator officer, who is an active flier, and he is starting the development of a corps. Cleveland and Chicago likewise will soon have men able to take to the air and furnish the eyes that have now been so necessary in the navy. The United States is particularly lacking in aviators. It is held that this branch of the naval militia will be of specially valuable service in time of need.

## ROCKVILLE AND COUNTY

Christ Episcopal Church Calls Rector—Thomas Dawson Suggested for Congress.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

ROCKVILLE, Md., November 15.—The vestry of Christ Episcopal Church, Rockville, has extended a call to Rev. Herbert Parrish of Baltimore to become rector of the church, but it is understood to be doubtful if he will accept. The church has been without a regular rector since the resignation of Rev. Thomas A. Haughton-Burke several months ago.

Funeral services for William L. Purdum, the fourteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Purdum of Cedar Grove, this county, who was fatally wounded in a hunting accident near Cedar Grove Saturday morning, took place at 11 o'clock this morning at the Baptist Church in Cedar Grove. Burial was in the cemetery near the church.

Rockville's foot ball team went up to Frederick Saturday afternoon and met defeat at the hands of the Frederick High School eleven, the score standing 13 to 7.

Thomas Dawson Complimented. The availability of Thomas Dawson of Rockville as the republican congressional candidate to succeed Representative David J. Lewis is being discussed.

Montgomery county republicans, and there seems to be a pretty general feeling favorable to Mr. Dawson. So far as this county is concerned, there is little doubt that Mr. Dawson could carry it in the primaries against any other candidate who might try for the nomination, and there are many who believe that should the democrats nominate some other than a Montgomery county man he would come pretty close to carrying the county at the general election, notwithstanding the county is normally democratic by a large majority.

Mr. Dawson has been approached on the subject, but has given no intimation as to what he might be willing to do. He was disappointed in congressional aspirations several years ago, and some of his friends believe he might be persuaded to try it again should satisfactory prospects of support be forthcoming. Gist Blair is already in the field for the nomination, and should Mr. Dawson decide to enter the contest, an interesting fight between the two Montgomery county men would follow.

## TO DISCUSS HOME MISSIONS.

Woman's Society of M. E. Church to Open Thirtieth Annual Meeting.

Morning and afternoon sessions tomorrow and Wednesday will constitute the thirtieth annual meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Baltimore conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which will be held at Hamline M. E. Church, 9th and P streets northwest. Morning sessions will be at 10 o'clock, a luncheon will be taken at 12:45 o'clock and the afternoon session will begin at 2 o'clock.

In addition to these meetings there will be a reception and demonstration by the faculty students and nurses of the National Training School, at Rust Hall, North Capitol and M streets, Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. There will be a mixture of business and entertainment at each of the sessions, music, instrumental and vocal, to be interpolated with addresses and reports pertaining to missions.

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Silk Department—8th St. Annex—Lansburgh & Bro.

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